mortality; the certainty of a future ſtate of happineſs and misery beyond the grave, and the importance of preparing to meet our GOD in judgment, we ſhould be more careful to live ſoberly, righteouſly, and godly in the world, knowing that every one muſt ſoon appear at the judgment ſeat of *Chriſt*, to receive according to the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or evil*.

But what ſays yonder ſtone? Let me draw near and read;

Beneath this ſtone,
Juſt twenty-one,
Lies William Fry;
Reader, prepare
In time, to die

A juſt

* 2. Cor. v. 10.

A juſt admonition! deſerving the regard of all; but you may aſk, how muſt I, or what is it, to prepare to die? I anſwer, it is to keep your latter end always in view, to ſet your affections on things above, to die daily to the pleaſures and enjoyments of the world, to live as a pilgrim and ſtranger here below, and, by faith, to be depending on the SON of GOD for being put into the poſſeſſion of a better and more enduring inheritance above; in ſhort, it is (to ſpeak in the language of Scripture) *to rejoice as though we rejoiced not; to weep, as though we wept not; to buy, as though we poſſeſſed not; and to uſe this world as not abuſing*

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